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Presidential Musings

Summer will soon be winding down and your hot humid days as well. Driving weather!!! We have been trying to take the Bentley out whenever possible. We found Patriot Brewery in Sudlersville, Md where you can have a pint, pet some goats and talk to the Alpacas. If you know us at all this is right up our alley.



Every month this summer has been busy for us. June was our Union picnic, which was cold and rainy. July was our Union Convention in Detroit. On our off time we went to Windsor for a very disappointing British Car Show. There was a Morris Oxford and Austin Cambridge though. On our return we stopped for lunch at a pub with a Morris Traveler out front. Detroit has been working hard at coming back and it shows. Detroit has a people mover which got us around downtown

Detroit in less than 30 minutes and each stop had interesting sights. Every day we went past the soon to be torn down Red Wings Joe Louis Arena. After the convention was over we rented a car and did some sight seeing. On the way to Port Huron we stumbled upon a Model-T club en-route to a show. Driving through Flint was depressing, whole blocks were gone! Apparently Coney Island hot dogs are a big deal in Michigan, go figure. The Upper Peninsula has a lot of nothing so you better like camping rough. Traverse City was very nice as well as Petoskey. We found lots of breweries throughout the state but ran out of time to visit them all. Time is the enemy so often.

Ralph from Cloverleaf has picked up the Alvis engine from Alderman's shop and is in the process of scheduling its installation. I hope to report that I am in the drivers seat by the next newsletter.

Get your Delaware City registration in ASAP. This helps with the class determination. Keep in mind that this will be our last year at the Delaware City location. The new management of Delaware City as well as the Police Chief have created new guidelines for the park and have priced us out of there. Reminders have been sent out but we would like to ask for volunteers, we desperately need a couple of helping hands. It is not difficult to help just a little bit of your time can help us make this a great show not just a good one. Tell your friends about our show or just drag them there with you.

MG's on the Rocks will be on Sept. 29. Please support their show as they support us in our efforts.

If you are looking for new BCCD swag, come to the show. Tan polo shirts will be in.

Happy Motoring,
Don & Sue



Every care was taken to insure the accuracy of the contents of this newsletter. The editor(s) accept no responsibility for any effect caused by errors or emissions.

Welcome New members

Scott Kasemeyer - Austin Healey Sprite

Scott has retired to LSD from work in IT, in the financial sector. Both he and his wife are from the Baltimore/Washington area.

"I became interested in the Bugeye earlier this year after a liking to the MG midget.

I bought my Bugeye in late May of this year after seeing it at the British car show in Lewes DE. The car was a restoration project by current member Ron Jernigan."

The car had just won Best In Show at the car show.



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Caleb Holyoke - 2015 MINI Cooper S



It started with my first car, a 1960 Bugeye BRG with a white stripe. Purchased for \$425 summer of 1964, replaced clutch and (regrettably) sold fall 1964 for \$750 to help pay for the following year's college.

Second car was a 1962(?) red Mark II AH Sprite (last side-curtain year).with which I was going to begin my racing career. I modified the car with all SCCA required bits, ported and polished the head and milled 0.040" to increase compression, reassembled it (my first ever engine rebuild). It started first turn of the key and ran brilliantly! Alas, I didn't know to retorque the head and fried the engine that same night coming back from a party, No racing career. Oh well, I'm probably a chemist now because I couldn't get hooked on rac-

ing.

Time, marriage, grad school followed, Sprite was rebuilt, driven for a couple of years then sold before grad school. Kids followed. Eventually I bought a much modified late 60's mini (maroon with silver top) with a much -modified MG1100 motor, discs, 5" wide rims which was an absolute blast to drive - when it ran. After many tears and in need of reliable transportation it was sold leaving me in my current state: about to retire, without a British Sports Car and thinking of remedying the latter situation. Met one of your members (TR3) on the porch of Deer Park and after a chat resolved to join BCCD.

Club Picnic 2018

Sue Henderson and Trevor Mees

The rain held off for our picnic but it was rather warm. As always it is good to see club members from both ends of the state as well as some new attendees. Our cats Austin and Ian loved all the extra attention and made it seem we give them none.

As ever, though, the food was delicious and abundant, and the pool water temperature was just right, even for those who went in fully clothed. Skinny would have been more fun.

A good number of British cars came, too, with Jaguar being the most numerous (2 XKs and an S Type). On the exotic side a lovely yellow Lotus and a gorgeous Aston Martin were there. To complement these were an MGs and a couple of Triumphs.



BRITISH CAR CLUB OF DELAWARE

BRITS BY THE RIVER

SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

- 10AM-3PM, field opens at 9:30AM
- \$15 pre-registered by 9/8/2018, \$20 day of
- Awards at 2:30
- Call Don Henderson (302) 331-3075 or email at donhenderson963@gmail.com
- More club information at www.bccdelaaware.com
- Located in park like grounds of the Marina in Delaware City at the end of Clinton St.
- Dash plaque to first 75 entrants
- Awards by popular choice, classes to be determined by pre-registrant entries.
- Open to all years, makes, models British autos and motorbikes.

SEND CHECK PAYABLE TO BCCD TO: SHARON KALINOWSKI, 800 WOODLAND AVE., WILMINGTON, DE 19808

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

MARQUE: _____ MODEL: _____ YEAR: _____

Waiver of liability: Neither I nor my heirs will hold The British Car Club of Delaware or Delaware City liable for any damages to my passengers and I or my car/motorcycle while engaged in, traveling to or from this event. No refunds. No rain date.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

SOUTHERN NEWS

Down here in deepest Sussex county we are compiling a list of resources we can all use to keep our LBCs beautiful and running.

You can find the list by following this link:

https://1drv.ms/f/s!AmkStmfDwOAYvmD3kEn0vww_IOL

Please let me know (trevormees@outlook.com) if you have difficulty.

We would like to include the whole club in this so if you have any additions or have used any of these resources and would recommend them please email Dana Mason (danaleemason@gmail.com) with your recommendations.

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Don't forget our Fall Fun Rally on September 29th. This is a fun and easy rally tound the Sussex County countryside. See the flyer in this issue.



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Kidnapped Purse

By Trevor Mees

It was a lovely day so Betty decided to take the XJS Convertible when she went to the Lewes In Bloom meeting. Not needing her purse at the meeting she put it in the trunk and slammed it shut.

When she got home and tried to open the trunk but the handle felt loose. The electronic lock unlocked the trunk but it would not open.

Panic!

I couldn't work out how to get it open so I took the car to Rudy's, who couldn't either. A search of the internet found the way. Remove the license plate and drill a hole in a specific spot behind it and you can get a screwdriver in to release the latch. It worked, and Betty was reunited with her purse after nearly a week without it.



It turned out that when she slammed the trunk it broke a plastic fitting that connects the handle with the latch. One of the problems with owning a car that is almost but not quite old enough is that the manufacturer has stopped producing spare parts for it and nobody has picked up the slack. The part in question was no longer available. It would

have to be a used part.

Back to the internet looking for XJS breakers. I finally located a used part at the eye-watering price of \$300 (ouch!).

Back to Rudys to get it fitted.



The MGs of Baltimore Car Club is dedicated to preserving the MG Marque in the Greater Baltimore, Maryland region. We do this by hosting driving events, our annual show and parts market *MGs on the Rocks*, and providing technical training and assistance to our members. We have monthly meetings at Jonny Dee's Lounge at 7:30 the first Tuesday of each month where we plan events, hear about upcoming events and ones our members have participated in, and a tech session on MG repair and maintenance.

MGOB sponsors an annual "Get the Dust Off" Rallye, the first Sunday in May. We hosted both MG 98 & MG 2018, The Annual North American MGB Register Conventions in Hagerstown, MD & Gettysburg, PA

You can get more info on MGOB from our website at: <http://www.mgs.of.baltimore.org>

The site includes member's benefits, upcoming events, a car/parts auction and pictures of previous winners of MGs on the Rocks. For further information or to join the club you may contact the President, Richard Liddick at 410-817-6862, or by email at: rl2mgbet@aol.com.

To attend our monthly meetings:

Follow the Baltimore Beltway towards Towson and take the exit to Loch Raven Blvd. South. Follow it to Joan Ave. Turn left at the light and into the shopping center. Look for Johnny Dee's Lounge.
1705 Amuskaei Rd. Baltimore, MD 21234.
www.JohnnyDeesLounge.com Park amongst the other MGs on the upper lot. We meet for dinner at 5:45 and the meeting is held in their meeting room at 7:30. Join us!

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The 39th Annual
MGs

on the Rocks!

Open to all British Marques

September 29, 2018



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Registrar: Ms. Tracy Trobridge
3150 Pfefferkorn Road
West Friendship, MD 21794

MEET ME AT THE ROCKS!



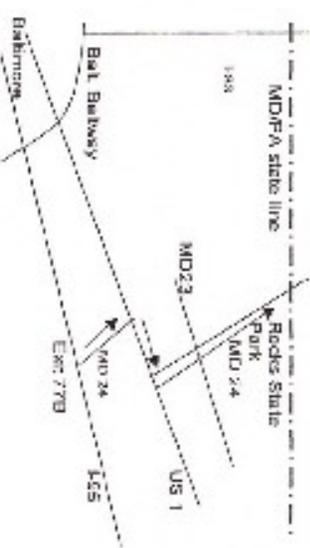
MGs on the Rocks

What was once just a gathering of a few local members for a picnic is now one of the premier annual events for all British car owners in the Mid Atlantic Region. Each year we have over 200 cars with MGs of all models and 8 classes of other British Marquees. Popular vote belonging by the car owners is from 1900 until 1980 and awards are given out about 3:30 p.m.



Winners, chosen by car owner peers, receive awards at their cars as the crowd walks around the show field at the end. This is one of the Maturity Cup winners for the Dec. MGs. If you please check out website for the program!

Directions: From I-95 North of Baltimore take exit 77B, follow Roe, 24 West 13 miles, briefly merging with and then leaving US 1, then later crossing MD 23. After 13 miles, turn right across the one-lane bridge at Cherry Hill. Pull into the 4th Camp and **MGs on the Rocks** on your left. Look for MG Caravan signs enroute. You can set your Navigation system to: 2 Cherry Hill Road, Street, MD 21154



MGs on the Rocks

If you love British cars this is the place to be the last Saturday in September. The Rocks State Park 4th Camp is an excellent location, set in rural Harford County, MD. Bring a picnic basket or purchase your lunch at the show and join the MGs of Baltimore for what has always been a superb show. Bring your parts shopping list for your ongoing renovation projects or your Christmas wish list for shirts and books. See you at the Rocks!

Our Regular Features

Things that have brought British car drivers back year after year will be there:

- ☛ A field full of British cars in a casual park setting
 - ☛ Lots of vendors of new and used parts.
 - ☛ A great selection of various British cars for sale.
 - ☛ An unlimited supply of expertise on whatever technical or restoration problem you have.
 - ☛ Classic British Invention Era Music
 - ☛ Licensed Pig Doo Sandwiches! Catering by the Sunshine Grill of Fork, MD
 - ☛ A wide range of classes for awards for all British Marquees.
- Put your car on the field! Although we have many beautiful cars, this is very much a come as you are gathering. Only owners of cars in the field can vote.

New Things This Year

The MGs on the Rocks will continue in the traditions that you have come to expect for over 17 years.

Things To Remember

Pre-registered! Awards are generally 1 per class, but may vary as pre-registration indicates. We have our new classes on pre-registrations, so if you want to justify any new classes make sure you pre-register! Dash plaques are only guaranteed to pre-registered. Plus you can drive right past that long line of on site registrants!

Important times: The field opens at 9:00 a.m., all vendors should be in place by 10:00 a.m. Voting is closed at 1:00. Awards will take place on the showfield as soon as after 3:00 as vote counting allows.

Sorry, no pets please, Park Rules.

Adjudging is available at Exit 77A of I-95.

Days Inn - 410 671-9990
 Comfort Inn - 410 679-0770
 Best Western - 410 679-9700

Mail-In Registration Form

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone (opt.) _____
 Email (opt.) _____
 Car Make _____ Model _____
 Year _____ Colour _____
 Did you win your class last year at Rocks? Y N
 Attending from what Car club? _____

Registration
 Car show entrant \$20.00 if mailed before 9/1
 Car show entrant \$25.00 at show or after 9/1
 For Sale Cars \$20.00 before 9/1
 For Sale Cars \$25.00 at show or after 9/1

Total enclosed: _____

Make checks payable to "MGs of Baltimore, Ltd."

Parking fee at entry gate is \$5.00 per car,
Vendor space \$20.00 for the first 20' x 20' space, \$20.00 for each additional space. Vendor registration is only at the event; no pre-registrations will be taken. To have vendor information included in the registration packet contact the Chairman helow below 8/22.

To register fill out the above, tear on the dotted line, enclose cheque, and send to:

Registrar: Ms. Tracy Irotbridge
 3150 Piedfalcon Road
 West Friendship, MD 21794

For other information, call:

Chairman: Jack Long Nights - 410-420-1385
 Days - 410-569-8191
 Email: jack.l.amg@barn.com

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BCCD – Southern Fun Rally **Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018**

Starts & Ends @ Bill & Dana's home
34288 Shockley Town Rd. (directions prior to the event)

The fun rally is an untimed event. Two participants per car; a driver and a passenger/navigator follow a set of directions and answer questions or identify items from clues along the route. Mileage is used as a tie breaker only.

The rally winner is determined by the most correct answers. The winner also gets to host the rally the following year.

If your LBC is not operational the day of the rally, you can still participate, driving any car you wish.

Sample:

1. Turn left at the end of the driveway.
2. Turn left at the T.
3. The NW and SE corners at the 4 way stop both have _____.
4. Stop in at Parson's Produce. How many goats are in the pens and how much does it cost to feed them? _____ \$ _____
5. Turn left exiting Parson's Produce

Proposed Day's Schedule

(Subject to change depending on number of participants)

10:00 – Meet @ starting point

10:15 – First car departs

1:00 (approx.) Last car returns

Appetizers & beverages will be provided by the hosts for those awaiting the return of all car teams.

1:15 – Lunch:

Burgers & Chicken – provided by club

Soda, Tea, Coffee, Beer, Wine – provided by club

Sides & Desserts – provided by participants

Winners announced following lunch

Key Dates

August 28 – deadline to RSVP (should be a club meeting night)

September 10 – final schedule distributed by email along with needed side & dessert contributions

September 20 – final reminder distributed by email along with directions to Bill & Dana's

RSVP to Dana ~ danaleemason@gmail.com

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Nice MGA at the “Donut Gang” meeting in Queen Creek AZ